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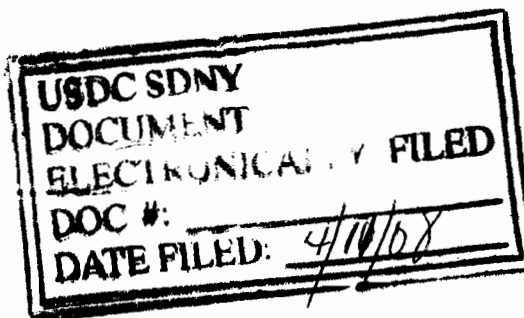
**MEMO ENDORSED**

86 Chambers Street  
New York, New York 10007

April 9, 2008

By Hand

Honorable Theodore H. Katz  
United States Magistrate Judge  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street, Room 1660  
New York, New York 10007



Re: John A. Hairston v. Astrue  
08 Civ. 0207 (LTS) (THK)

Dear Judge Katz:

This Office represents the Commissioner of Social Security, defendant in the above-referenced. During my preparation of the government's answer, I encountered several issues that required that I seek additional information from the Agency. Therefore, with consent of plaintiff, I respectfully request a thirty day extension of time from April 15, 2008, until May 15, 2008, to answer and move with respect to the complaint.

This is defendant's first request for an extension of time to answer and move with respect to the complaint.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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**SO ORDERED**

*4/10/08 Theodore H. Katz*  
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THEODORE H. KATZ

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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